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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: K. R. THOMAS, et al.

Application No.: 09/898,255

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For:

METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR

CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT

DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE

COMMUNICATION DEVICE

Attorney Docket No.:

88265-4040

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMEN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed are copies of (4) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

These references were cited in the International Search Report a copy of which is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449.

No fee or certification is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814.

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